

**YAKAMA NATION HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
JOB ANNOUNCEMENT**



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Environmental Scientist-Water Quality
Environmental Management
Department Natural Resources
Hourly Wage: \$23.71/Regular/Full-Time

Employee in this position is responsible to assist the Yakama Nation Environmental Program to address water quality issues as they pertain to the interests of the Yakama Nation. Duties include the investigation, development and implementation of a strategy and plan for the monitoring and oversight of nutrient (fertilizer) use by growers within the external boundaries of the Yakama Reservation, in accordance with the Clean Water Act. Will assist the Program Manager in identifying policies, regulations, conditions and issues with regard to nutrient management on agriculture lands. Will assist in identifying opportunities which may be available for addressing nutrient management issues. Will investigate and make recommendations for nutrient controls and best management practices. Activities and efforts will be coordinated among U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, other Yakama natural resource programs, U.S. Department of the Interior – Bureau of Indian Affairs, Natural Resources Conservation Service, and other agencies as appropriate. Prepares reports and makes presentations to the Yakama Tribal Council, federal and other agencies, and to the public.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES:

- Knowledge of water quality concepts, issues, impacts and programs.
- Knowledge of tribal, federal and state environmental laws, regulations and programs designed to assist in nutrient management improvement.
- Knowledge of the Clean Drinking Water Act and mechanisms available for nutrient management.
- Ability to demonstrate a team approach to technical assessment and problem solving, position will require a cooperative approach to working with specialists in professional and scientific fields.
- Ability to understand and respect the unique legal, jurisdictional and cultural status of the Yakama Nation.
- Ability to perform job duties using traditional ecological knowledge and modern science.
- Ability to work independently.
- Ability to communicate effectively to all audiences in oral and written reports and presentations.

General Recruiting Indicators:

- A Bachelor's Degree or higher in environmental sciences, hydrology/water sciences, or other closely related fields, and a minimum of two years experience in the field of water quality or closely field. OR,
- A Master's Degree or higher in environmental sciences, hydrology/water sciences, or other closely related fields, and a minimum of one year experience in the field of water quality or closely field.

Special Requirements:

- Required to pass a pre-employment drug and alcohol test.
- Required to pass a pre-employment background check.
- Must possess a valid Washington State Driver's License with the ability to obtain a Yakama Tribal Driving Permit.